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SUBJECT: CHAVAN VISIT AND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING - PRESS
GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE
AUGUST 25 BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE
DURING PRESS BRIEFING.

Q: THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST INDI-
CATED INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN WOULD BE COMING TO
WASHINGTON OCTOBER 6-7 WHEN THE INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION
WOULD MEET HERE. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT?

A: WE ARE PLANNING FOR A JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN THE
FALL. PRECISE DATES FOR THE MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED
LATER.

Q: IS THIS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION?

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A: NO. THE FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE IN DELHI LAST OCTOBER DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO INDIA. AT THAT TIME THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS WERE ESTABLISHED, AS FOLLOWS: ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION; EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION. ALL

THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS MET IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975.

Q: WILL THERE BE FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMISSIONS BEFORE THE FULL COMMISSION MEETS?

A: NO. BUT WE ANTICIPATE THEY WILL MEET AGAIN AFTER THE JOINT COMMISSION HAS MET. INGERSOLL

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